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1. Four newly arrived jet planes were observed at the Parchim (E 54/T 74) airfield on 13 February 1950.

Description: Wings with pronounced sweep-back, very high rudder assembly, elevator assembly set at upper end, small cockpit set above leading edge of wings, wing tips cut, length of plane 8 to 10 meters, wing span 5 to 6 meters.

2. The field was occupied by about 50 fighters from 4 to 13 February 1950. Flying, such as local flights, acrobatics and formation flying in elements of two, was only done in good weather.
3. The arrival of jet planes at the field was observed on 16 February 1950.
4. Twelve parked jet planes were seen at the field in the evening of 17 February 1950.

Description: Wings with pronounced sweep-back, cut off wing tips, high rudder assembly extending far to the rear, elevator assembly set rather high, nose wheel, landing gear retracting inward, air intake in nose, air exhaust at tail, small cockpit above leading edge of wings.

5. A plane for retraining had also arrived at the field.

Description: Converted Yak-plane with turbine and trainer's seat, two-seat, conventional wings, slight dihedral, straight leading edges, air intake in nose, conventional rudder assembly, nose wheel.

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comment:

The report is compiled from information from two sources. This information on the presence of jet planes in addition to conventional fighters is received for the first time. A fighter regiment has so far been assumed at the field. The fighters (La-9s) are apparently still stationed there. The arrival of jet planes leads to the assumption that the fighter regiment is being re-equipped with jet planes. According to the description, this is the same type swept-back jet plane observed at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Its type designation is unknown.

\* The plane is probably the same jet plane type, with air exhaust under the wings, as was observed at other airfields. The craft (two-seat) is probably being used to retrain pilots.

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